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Final Fiscal Note

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Bill Status: Signed into Law

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Bill Topic: CREATE OUTDOOR RECREATION INDUSTRY OFFICE

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

No fiscal impact. The bill establishes the Outdoor Recreation Industry Office in statute. The office already exists within the Governor's office, so the bill is assessed

as having no fiscal impact.

Appropriation Summary:

No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status:

The fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

Summary of Legislation

The bill establishes the Outdoor Recreation Industry Office within the Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT). The purpose of the office is to serve as Colorado's central coordinator of outdoor recreation industry matters and to provide recommendations to inform outdoor recreation policy. This includes resource development, industry promotion, coordination with the various groups that make up the outdoor recreation economy, and addressing inequities preventing underserved communities from engaging in outdoor recreation. The director shall be designated by the director of the OED.

Background

The office was formed in 2015 by the Governor without accompanying legislation or an executive order. For FY 2020-21, a new Long Bill budget line was created in the OEDIT to delineate Outdoor Recreation Industry Office spending from the rest of the agency's budget. It currently operates with 3.0 FTE and a budget of \$250,000 General Fund.

Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

The Outdoor Recreation Industry Office currently functions as a separate administrative division within OEDIT; the bill codifies this current practice. As such, the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

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Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on May 20, 2021, and it took effect on September 7, 2021.

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